BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The) Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty) for an Order Granting a Variance from 20) CSR 4240-10.030(19) to Revise its Meter) Testing Plan)

File No. GE-2023-0196

ORDER DIRECTING PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: May 12, 2023

Effective Date: May 12, 2023

On December 13, 2022, The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty ("EDG") filed an application with the Commission seeking a variance of the requirement to implement a new Sample Meter Testing Plan. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation which included six proposed conditions. On May 5, 2023, EDG filed its response in which it objected to several of Staff's proposed conditions.

The application is now ready to move to resolution. To that end, the Commission will direct the parties to file, jointly if possible, a proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission will not schedule an on-the-record procedural conference; however, the Commission will encourage the parties to meet in-person or virtually to discuss a schedule and any related issues. The Commission will task its Staff with the responsibility of coordinating and filing the joint proposed procedural schedule. The Commission directs the parties to include the following in any proposed procedural schedule:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;
- Submission at least one week in advance of the hearing: a list of issues; order of opening statements, witnesses, and cross-examination; and position statements;
- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Briefing schedule allowing for ten business days for transcript preparation.

Requests for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than June 22, 2023, the parties shall submit a request for an extension of time or a joint proposed procedural schedule as described in the body of this order.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of May, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 12th day of May, 2023.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION May 12, 2023

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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